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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. The following is an Examiner's statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: The prior art of record does not disclose, make obvious, or otherwise suggest the structure of the applicant's prediction program, prediction apparatus, and prediction method together with the other limitations of the independent claims.

The dependent claims being further limiting and definite are also allowable. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably **accompany** the Issue Fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in an interview with Felix L. Fischer on March 13, 2009.

### **AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend paragraph 0039 of the application as published as follows:

[0039] Information consisting of a personal, career and an interest match rating are collected using code as provided in Table 3, which combine for a total possible match of 100 percent. All people in the database are then visually arranged according to these values. Anyone who matches the user viewing the data with more career matches falls towards the left 1/3 54 of the Visualizer, while a interest match falls towards the right 1/3 56 of the Visualizer. If the user has a mutual number of career and personal interests, then people who match them both will fall in between the two categories and similarly for the other categories for which data is collected. Most important, of course, is where people appear in relation to the middle of the screen center 62 (similar to a bulls eye) which represents the user. The closer to the center they are, the more they match in all areas.

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AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-2 and 15 have been amended and claims 3 and 17 have been cancelled.

Claims 1-2, 4-16, 18-29 remain pending in the application.

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. (Currently Amended) A collaborative interaction network system comprising:

means for entering login data for a user;

means for inputting basic user profile data elements;

means for receiving user characteristics data including

means for text entry of user created data elements;

means for selection of an interactive screen input for predetermined data

elements with assignment of proportional value to ~~predetermined data elements~~ including

a sandbox for receiving a plurality of attributes selectable by the user;

means for calculating a universe of profile and characteristics data for all users based on similarity to the profile and characteristics data of a particular user;

means for displaying a representation of the universe of data as single points in multidimensional relation to a center point representing the data of the particular user, the displaying means scalable in range from the entire universe of data to data for users in a close neighborhood of the particular user's profile and characteristic data; and

means for expansion of a selected one of the single points for display of the profile and characteristic data of the user associated with the selected one single point.

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2. (Currently amended) The collaborative interaction network system as defined in claim 1, wherein the means for selection of an interactive screen input for predetermined data elements with assignment of proportional value ~~to predetermined data elements~~ further comprises a slider associated with a predetermined term, the slider adjustable through a range of applicability of the predetermined term to the user.

3. (Cancelled)

15. (Currently Amended) A method for collaborative interaction on a computer implemented network comprising the steps of:

receiving login data entered by a user on a screen;

receiving basic user profile data elements on the screen;

receiving user characteristics data including

text entry of user created data elements through a keyboard and

selection of predetermined data elements through a screen input with

assignment of proportional value including a sandbox for receiving a plurality of attributes selectable by the user;

calculating in a calculation engine a universe of profile and characteristics data for all users based on similarity to the profile and characteristics data of a particular user;

displaying a representation of the universe of data on the screen as single points in multidimensional relation to a point representing the data of the particular user, the display scalable in range from the entire universe of data to data for users in a close

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neighborhood of the particular user's profile and characteristic data; and,

expanding on the monitor screen a selected one of the single points for display of the profile and characteristic data of the user associated with the selected one single point.

17. (Cancelled).

### ***Reasons for Allowance***

2. Claims 1-2, 4-16, and 18-29 are allowed.

3. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: the prior arts of records, neither anticipates nor renders obvious the following limitations as claimed:

As to claims 1 and 15, the prior art of records fail to anticipate or suggest, means for selection of predetermined data elements with assignment of proportional value including a sandbox for receiving a plurality of attributes selectable by the user; means for calculating a universe of profile and characteristics data for all users based on similarity to the profile and characteristics data of a particular user; and means for displaying a representation of the universe of data as single points in multidimensional relation to a center point representing the data of the particular user, the displaying means scalable in range from the entire universe of data to data for users in a

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close neighborhood of the particular user's profile and characteristic data, together with the other limitations of the dependent claims.

### ***Conclusion***

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Belix M. Ortiz whose telephone number is (571)-272-4081. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 9am-5pm.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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